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1. AFTER ARDUOUS EFFORT AT MINCOMMERCE AND EMBASSY, WE ARE ABLE TO PROVIDE FAIRLY AUTHORITATIVE STATEMENT OF INDIAN IMPORTS FROM UK IN 1975-1976 OF TWENTY PRODUCTS IDENTIFIED IN INDIAN NON-PAPER. TOTAL VALUE OF THESE IMPORTS WAS A SIGNIFICANT \$28.8 MILLION.

2. THE RESULTS OF MINCOMMERCE EFFORTS TO IDENTIFY THE CURRENT RITC NUMBERS (UNDER WHICH TRADE STATISTICS ARE GATHERED) WHICH CORRESPOND TO THE PRODUCTS IDENTIFIED IN THE UK-INDIAN PREFERENTIAL TRADE AGREEMENT OF 1939 WAS AN UNOFFICIAL RPT UNOFFICIAL LIST OF OVER 600 RITC NUMBERS, ALL OF WHICH WERE AT THE SEVEN DIGIT LEVEL. GIVEN THE COMPLEXITY OF THE OPERATION, THIS HAS TO BE CONSIDERED A GOOD BUT ROUGH CORRESPONDENCE.
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DENCE, WHICH SUFFERS FROM SOME INTERNAL INCONSISTENCIES DESCRIBED IN THE FOOTNOTES AND THE SUBSEQUENT PARAGRAPHS. IT IS IMPORTANT TO NOTE THAT THE COLUMN BELOW DOES NOT ADD TO THE TOTAL BECAUSE OF DOUBLE ENTRY OF SOME RITC NUMBERS AMONG THE TWENTY "PRODUCTS". THE TOTAL AS STATED ELIMINATES ANY DOUBLE COUNTING. RUPEE FIGURES HAVE BEEN CONVERTED AT RS 8.65 EQUALS \$1, THE IMF AVERAGE EXCHANGE RATE FOR THE FOUR QUARTERS OF

THE 1975-76 TRADE YEAR (APRIL-MARCH)

PRODUCT VALUE OF IMPORTS FROM UK (\$0000)

1. 22(5)(B)	91.5
2. 25(4)	NIL
3. EX.28	10,939.4
4. 30	850.0
5. 30(2)	NIL
6. 49(1)	17.2
7. EX.49(4)	96.5
8. 63(14)	352.4
9. 63(24)	193.6
10. 64	2,104.3
11. 72(5)	2.6
12. EX.72(6)	149.0
13. EX.73	8,269.8 (1)
14. 73(1)	3,236.8 (2)
15. 73(4)	833.8 (3)
16. 75(1)	135.0
17. 75(2)	28.5
18. 75(3)	840.0
19. EX.75(4)	11.8
20. EX.77	28,765.0 (4)

3. FOOTNOTES: (1) INCLUDES \$235.5 THOUSAND OF TWO ITEMS ALSO INCLUDED IN PRODUCT 14, AND \$758.9 THOUSAND OF ONE ITEM ALSO INCLUDED IN PRODUCT 15.

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(2) INCLUDES \$235.5 THOUSAND OF TWO ITEMS ALSO INCLUDED IN PRODUCT 13.

(3) INCLUDES \$758.9 THOUSAND OF ONE ITEM ALSO INCLUDED IN PRODUCT 13.

(4) ELIMINATES DOUBLE COUNTING OF ITEMS FOUND IN BOTH PRODUCT 13 AND IN PRODUCTS 14 AND 15.

4. MINCOMMERCE LIST ACTUALLY CONTAINS DUPLICATIONS OF FIFTEEN RITC NUMBERS. BUT OF THESE, TWELVE FALL WITHIN THE SAME 1939 "PRODUCT" AND DO NOT AFFECT THE ABOVE TABLE (ONCE THE DOUBLE COUNT WAS ELIMINATED). THE REMAINING THREE ITEMS ARE DUPLICATED IN SEPARATE PRODUCTS AS NOTED IN THE TABLE ABOVE. WHILE PREPARING THE TABLE ON THE BASIS OF MINCOMMERCE INFORMAL PAPER, WE BELIEVE DISCREPANCY CAN BEST BE HANDLED BY ELIMINATING THE ITEMS FROM PRODUCT NUMBER 13, WHICH WOULD HAVE THE EFFECT OF REDUCING THE IMPORTS FROM UK OF THAT PRODUCT BY \$994.4 THOUSAND, WITHOUT AFFECTING THE TOTAL. ON THE BASIS OF THE RITC DESCRIPTION OF THE ITEMS, EMBASSY BELIEVES THEY MORE APPROPRIATELY FIT IN PRODUCTS 14 AND 15. WE WILL DISCUSS THIS FURTHER WITH MINCOMMERCE OFFICIALS.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: DEPARTMENT AND STR WILL APPRECIATE

THAT FURTHER IMPORT STATISTICS ON THESE PRODUCTS AS REQUESTED
FROM MINISTRY ONE MONTH AGO (STATE 41884) WILL BE EXTREMELY
TIME CONSUMING FOR THEM TO PREPARE. PLEASE ADVISE WHETHER
THEY SHOULD PURSUE THIS EFFORT OF WHETHER SCOPE OF DATA DESIRED
CAN BE MODIFIED (E.G. 1975-76 FIGURES ONLY).
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